(c) and (d) Not applicable in view of (b) above.

(e) to (g) As per the present business plan, ITI has no proposal to manufacture mobile handsets in views of intense competition in the dynamic and fast changing market.

Master Plan of Delhi

†*44. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Master Plan of Delhi has been published;

(b) whether an assessment has been made about the population of Delhi in the year 2021 and the housing requirement for the same;

(c) whether stress has been laid in the Master Plan to maintain the *status quo;*

(d) whether this would encourage construction of multi-storey buildings which would make other basic amenities such as water, sewage, road, parking, etc. unmanageable; and

(e) whether it would be ensured that the multi-storey buildings already constructed or to be constructed would be fully earthquake-proof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Master Plan for Delhi with the perspective for the year 2021 (MPD 2021) was notified on 7th February, 2007, by the Central Government.

(b) Yes, Sir. According to MPD-2021, the estimated population of Delhi would be in the range of 220 to 230 lakhs in the year 2021, and additional 24 lakh dwelling units would be needed to meet the housing requirement.

(c) and (d) The MPD 2021 incorporates revised norms for residential areas taking into account the ground realities as well as projections of future demand for shelter and commercial space. While MPD 2021 envisages redensification of existing housing areas, redevelopment and fresh construction in urban extension areas, it also provides for augmentation and rationalization of the physical and social infrastructure as well as strengthening of the transportation network. Provision for additional FAR in respect of plotted and group housing as well as mixed use of land for non-residential purpose would also entail payment of various

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charges and the amount so collected is to be used for augmentation of civic infrastructure.

(e) The Unified Building Bye-laws, 1983 as amended on 21.3.2001 already provides for structural safety features in respect of natural hazard by way of earthquake, for buildings constructed thereafter in Delhi. MPD 2021 further provides that the local bodies concerned should keep updating the building bye laws to safeguard against disasters and ensure effective implementation and the building bye-laws should also incorporate the aspects of multi-hazard safety and retrofitting. MPD 2021 also provides that seismic micro-zonation surveys should be referred to at the time of land use planning and for preparation of Zonal Plans and Layout Plans. In addition, certification of structural safety in respect of tall buildings is also one of the mandatory measures envisaged in the Master Plan and Building bye-laws.

Revision of royalty on coal

†*45. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have demanded immediate hike in royalty on coal;

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these States have demanded that the rate of royalty should be based on the value of coal and not the quantity; and

(d) if so, the Government's decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Ministry of Coal constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Additional Secretary (Coal) to examine the issue of revision of royalty rates on coal. The Committee ascertained the viewpoints of all stake holders including State Governments. Most of the coal producing State Governments have requested for fixation of royalty on *ad valorem* basis. After detailed deliberations with all stake holders the Committee submitted its report. The Report is under consideration of the Government and a decision will be taken shortly.

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